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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CVIS, PINT, UR, US  
SUBJECT: OVSEPYAN CASE

REF: (A) MOSCOW 19339, (B) MOSCOW 19478

1. MR. GABRELLYAN, THE HUSBAND OF MRS. OVSEPYAN, CALLED CONSOFF TO REPORT THAT FRIENDS IN YEREVAN HAVE CONTACTED HIM TO INFORM HIM THAT THE YEREVAN IS READY TO MAKE A DECISION ON HIS CASE. HE TALKED TO HIS WIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF A CONSOFF AND REQUESTED THAT SHE GIVE HER AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN'S PASSPORT TO AN "ARMENIAN" FOR THE YEREVAN OVIR. HE AGAIN WAS UNABLE TO CONVINCE HIS WIFE TO LEAVE EMBASSY.

2. CONSOFF REFUSED TO GIVE PASSPORT TO THIRD PARTY, AND AGAIN URGED MRS. OVSEPYAN TO LEAVE THE EMBASSY TO ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND TO YEREVAN OVIR. MRS. OVSEPYAN REFUSED AND MR. GABRELLYAN ENDED CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD GO TO YEREVAN WITHOUT THEIR PASSPORTS AND CALL EMBASSY FROM THERE TO INFORM US WHETHER HE HAD EXIT PERMISSION.

3. COMMENT: MRS. OVSEPYAN'S DOGGED REFUSAL TO LEAVE THE EMBASSY UNDERLINES HER DETERMINATION TO REMAIN  
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UNTIL SHE HAS EXIT PERMISSION. IF THE SOVIETS SHOULD UNEXPECTEDLY GIVE THIS FAMILY EXIT PERMISSION, WE CAN, OF COURSE, EXPECT OTHER SOVIET CITIZENS TO USE THIS TACTIC. GARRISON

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